

Reasons for Pardons, 1726-1775
Number of Single Reasons
All Classes

Reasons	Free Whites	Ser-vants	Convict Servants	Slaves	Free Mulatto	Totals
Confessed or pleaded guilty	6	0	2	3	0	11
Confessed						
after being whipped	0	0	1	0	0	1
so magistrate would intercede	0	0	1	0	0	1
Object of mercy or compassion	3	0	1	5	1	10
Object of mercy — justices say extenuating circumstances	0	1	0	0	0	1
Justices						
recommend mercy	0	0	0	2	0	2
recommend mercy — whites encouraged crime	0	0	0	1	0	1
say ignorant — not aware of penalty	0	0	0	1	0	1
Justices of Queen Anne's and oyer and terminer say he is sorry	2	0	0	0	0	2
Petition of						
inhabitants	2	0	0	0	0	2
justices	3	0	0	0	0	3
master	0	0	0	2	0	2
convict	1	0	0	0	0	1
Disordered in head	1	0	0	0	0	1
Poor simple fellow	1	0	0	0	0	1
Not a notorious offender	1	0	0	0	0	1
Doubt about guilt	1	1	1	0	0	3
Young						
only a boy	0	0	0	1	0	1
only sixteen years old	1	0	1	0	0	2
about sixteen years old	1	0	0	0	0	1
only twenty years old	1	0	0	0	0	1
Pregnant	1	0	0	0	0	1
Reprieved till child born, then pardoned	0	0	0	1	0	1
Insufficient indictment	0	0	0	1	0	1
Totals	25	2	7	17	1	52

Reasons	Free Whites	Ser-vants	Convict Servants	Slaves	Free Mulatto	Totals
No reasons given	21	2	10	57	0	90
Not included in totals — single reasons only						
Turned evidence — Ogle promised pardon to any accomplice who would turn evidence	1	0	0	0	1	2
Turned evidence; never indicted	0	0	0	1	1	2
Turned evidence; never tried	0	0	0	1	1	2
Gave evidence against another; probably never tried	2	0	0	0	2	4
Never sentenced	0	0	0	1	1	2
Totals	3	0	0	3	6	12